

MARKET AT STANDSTILL

Traders Could Neither Advance Prices or Depress Them and Stopped Trying.

THE WAR HAD ITS EFFECT

Selling for Foreign Account the Most Conspicuous Feature of the Day's Transactions.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The inaction of today's stock market was a natural sequence of the behavior of the market on preceding days of the week.

The selling for foreign account was the most conspicuous feature of the day, and was a measure of the uneasiness felt abroad over the threat of complications of other great powers in the hostilities in the Far East.

The indicated gain in cash from the sale of government securities to transfer 2 1/2 per cent. of their deposits to designated New York banks in response to the call of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide for the Panama Canal payment.

The late drive against Amalgamated Copper and Brooklyn Transit gave the market its only sign of activity and contributed to the weak closing.

Bonds were dull and weak. Total sales, price, \$1,000,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Money on call steady; highest 1 1/2; lowest 1 1/4; closing 1 1/4. Offered in time loans, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2.

Richmond Stock Market. Richmond, Va., Feb. 19, 1904. Virginia-Commonwealth Chemical Co. 5 p. c. bonds - 90.00

RAILROAD BONDS. Atlantic and Charlotte 100 105 ... Chesapeake and Potomac 100 105 ... Chesapeake and Western 100 105 ... Norfolk and Western 100 105 ... R. F. and P. Div. Oblig. 100 105 ...

COTTON MARKETS. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The cotton market opened weak at 12 1/2 for a decline of 1 1/2 points, and for a time above a declining tendency.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 19.—Wheat for May delivery sold today at 1 1/2 a bushel, an advance of 1/4 point.

WHEAT—No. 2, 1.03; No. 3, 99 1/2; No. 4, 97 1/2; No. 5, 95 1/2; No. 6, 93 1/2; No. 7, 91 1/2; No. 8, 89 1/2; No. 9, 87 1/2; No. 10, 85 1/2; No. 11, 83 1/2; No. 12, 81 1/2.

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PRIVATE WIRES TO PRINCIPAL MARKETS. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Official Range and Sale of Stocks in New York

Table with columns: By Thomas Branch & Co., Bankers and Brokers. Open, High, Low, Closing, Bid, Asked. Lists various stocks like 2200 Amalgamated Copper, 1100 Amer. Car and Foundry, etc.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS. U. S. refunding 20, registered, 104 1/4. U. S. refunding 20, coupon, 104 1/4. U. S. 3 1/2 registered, 104 1/4.

VALUATION OF STOCKS. Va. bag lots, 56 @ 1.06. COPPER, 54 @ 2.12. White (Va.) bag lots, 54 @ 2.12.

CATTLE MARKETS. RICHMOND STOCK MARKET. Receipts for the week ending Monday: 1,200 head.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 19.—COTTON—Spot quiet, cloudy weather interfering with the market.

PRODUCE MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—FLOUR—Firm and active. Minnesota Patent, 16 1/2.

UNION STOCK YARDS, PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 19.—CATTLE—Light market.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 19.—HOGS—Active and higher at 13 1/2 per lb. Cattle—Steady at 12 1/2.

TOBACCO MARKET. Dark Fired Richmond, Va., Feb. 19, 1904. Receipts active at unchanged quotations.

LYNCHBURG TOBACCO MARKET. Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 19, 1904. Sales of tobacco on the Lynchburg market for the two weeks ending February 12, 1904.

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A FINE WEEK ON THE MARKET

Highest Prices of the Season Received Yesterday and Thursday. Despite the extreme bad weather and the condition of the roads tobacco poured into Richmond during the week which closed yesterday, placing the total sales for the week above the half-million mark.

DRY GOODS MARKET. FALL RIVER, MASS., Feb. 19.—The sales in the dry goods market for the week ending Feb. 19, 1904, were 1,200,000 yards.

NAVAL STORES. WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 19.—SPIRITS—Nothing doing. Receipts, 327 barrels.

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE. PORT OF RICHMOND, FEB. 19, 1904. Steamer Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW. Inclement Weather Alone Prevents Revival of Business. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—R. G. Dun and Company's Weekly Review of Trade this week will say: Inclement weather alone prevents a definite revival of business.

OPPOSE REDISTRIBUTING. Congressman Rixey Thinks There Is No Demand for It Now. Congressman John F. Rixey, who came here to address Lee Camp in exposition of his bill in relation to the Federal Reserve system.

Judge Waddill Improving. Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., has been confined to his bed for several days by reason of a severe cold and indisposition.

Mr. Faris at Keysville. Editor of The Times-Dispatch. Sir—Will you kindly allow me to correct a statement made by your correspondent from Keysville in your paper of the 14th.

COTTON. Cotton, Wheat, Corn and Coffee Losses. Claims against brokers and commission merchants for unauthorized closing of contracts on New York, New Orleans, Chicago and other Exchanges, collected by THE CREDIT CLEARING HOUSE.

SHOWING IS SPLENDID AND SLID

Brighter Skies Bend Over Country School Houses Than Ever Before. Richmond Experiences the Most Disagreeable Day of the Entire Winter.

EIGHTY THOUSAND MORE RAIN, HAIL, SNOW, SLEET. These Are a Few of the Things Enriched the Winter Day. Streets Glazed With Ice.

The State of Virginia is spending this year the vast sum of \$50,000 more for popular education than ever before. This is a fine showing, and the schools in the country districts are feeling the change.

At midnight the weather in Richmond, after a long day, utterly and hopelessly dull and disagreeable, was clear and gold, forecasting bright skies again for this morning.

Every imaginable contortion of a freakish atmosphere made Richmond a miserable spot until after midnight yesterday. The day was, perhaps, the most thoroughly disagreeable one of the entire winter season.

Dr. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, in going over the State, had found a new interest in public education and a new demand for better public schools and longer sessions.

The country people are waking up in the matter more than ever before. The importance of popular education has always been felt in Virginia, but the finances of the Commonwealth hardly justified a larger appropriation.

After that the weather began to show signs of returning to its normal condition, something definite. The skies gradually cleared until at midnight the stars were twinkling in their accustomed places.

The joint legislative committee on Public Institutions and Education, Asylums and Prisons and Schools and Colleges returned to the city last night after a four-days' tour of the Southwest, visiting State institutions.

Manufacturers and farm men seem anxious for quiet, which would seem to be the case with the cotton market.

The members of the party expressed themselves as well pleased with their trip and with the condition of the various institutions they had observed.

Mistake Corrected. A slip of the pen yesterday made it appear that Admiral Harria Webster's lecture on Jan. was delivered at the Mechanics Institute, which it was not.

A Beautiful Church Wedding in Clarksville, Va. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CLARKSVILLE, VA., Feb. 19.—Mr. Henry M. Harris and Miss Mary Josephine Wood, both of Clarksville, were married in the Methodist Church at 11 A. M. yesterday.

Happy Meal in College Mess. It Was the Girls. The delightful evening meal in the mess hall of Richmond College was well-nigh spoiled a few evenings ago, all because four fortunate and happy young men brought to supper an equal number of very pretty young ladies, "co-eds," as they are called.

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